



*Flowers on the Altar are placed by the Whited family
in loving memory of Sandy's mom, Gay Fliflet.*

Mar 8	Worship	8:30am / 10:30am
	Kids' Choirs sing at both services	
	Sunday School	9:30am
	Activate Faith Group	5:30pm
Mon	Library reserved	6-8pm
Tues	Men's Bible Study	6:15am / 7am
	Cub Scouts	6:30pm
Wed	Lent Service	7:00pm
	WOW, WeeWOW and choirs	3:15-4:30pm
	Soup Supper by the Altar Guild	5:30-6:30pm
	Confirmation	7:00pm
Thurs	Quilters	9:00am
Sat	Activate Faith	10:00am
	Worship	5:30pm
Mar 15	Worship	8:30am / 10:30am
	Sunday School	9:30am
	Apr. Follower deadline	
	Activate Faith	5:30pm

Activities and times change periodically. Please check the website calendar at crossofcalvary.net. It is updated daily.

Coming up

- 21 Set up for Ham Dinner
- 22 Ham Dinner
- 23 Ruth Circle at Parkview 1:30
- 24 Fold the Follower 12:30
- 26 Dorcas Circle 9:30
- 29 Palm Sunday / Breakfast

LENT	
Wed Lent services	7pm
HOLY WEEK	
Matens (M-F)	7am
Maundy Thursday	noon/7pm
Good Friday	7pm
Easter Sunday	6:30/9:00am

MARCH VOLUNTEERS

- Communion** 8:30 – E Skeie 10:30 – A Thompson
- Altar Guild** D Beckler, M Rauenhorst, K O'Neil
- Acolytes** E Iverson, M Steffel
- Ushers** 8:30 – K Elfering, G Helin, R Sigurdson, R Elbert
10:30 – D Altmann, D Beckler

Thank
you!

PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

Prayer for	Submitted by	Prayer for	Submitted by
Leslie Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>	Maddie Travers	<i>K Barta</i>
Athena Krueger	<i>S Grasmon</i>	Sue McNamara	<i>A Suess</i>
Diana Adkins	<i>B Hennen</i>	Nancy Berry	<i>B Beckman</i>
Jon Hackmann	<i>M Hackmann</i>	Nick Alton	<i>S Alton</i>
Nancy Haney	<i>M Hausken</i>	Gloria Franzen	<i>S Triplett</i>
Tonia Otto	<i>P Aalderks</i>	Twyla Kelly	<i>S Alton</i>
Leo Mallak	<i>C Mallak</i>	Maddie Trevers	<i>K Barta</i>
Megan Hoffman	<i>K Barta</i>		

Remembering Christians in the Middle East and Africa.

Military – Benjamin Johnson

Missionaries – The Kevin & Rebekah Howell family - Paraguay
Paul and Jay Mikaelson - Bolivia

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

I would like to thank the congregation and community for all the prayers and support for me during my surgery and as I now recuperate. The cards, phone calls and words of encouragement mean so much to me and to my family. A special than you to Pastor Matt for his visits which give me the extra boost I needed from time to time. The power of prayer is amazing.

Thank you all. Deb Person



Christmas - GOOD GIFTS went to purchase a farm, school supplies for 20 children and clinic visits for 20 children. Thank you for your generous gifts!

Thrivent Choice Dollars. March 31st is the last date to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars.



**THIS
WEEK**

WE ARE
Meals On Wheels
so no senior goes hungry™

- Look for the sign-up sheet on the BOARD or call Laurie in the office.
- Choose your route—North or South
- Choose individual days or a week... or more.
- Partner with a friend or family.

Mar 9-13	N	M-F Feil	S	
Mar 16-20	N	M-F O’Niell	S	M-F O’Niell
Mar 23-27	N	M-F Rauenhorst	S	
Mar 30-Apr 3	N		S	

A few volunteers have retired. Please consider helping with this ministry.

BAKED HAM DINNER

Sunday, March 22, 2015 11:15 am – 1:15 pm

Ticket donations go toward building improvements and missions.
Supplemental funds provided by Thrivent.

Adults \$10.00 (10 and over)

Youth \$5.00 (9 and under)

Take-outs available until 12:45
Ticket sales following church services
March 8th & 15th, available at the door
or call the church office at [320-523-1574](tel:320-523-1574).



SOUP SUPPER

The sign-up sheet is on the BOARD.

Mar 11 Benefit for Nancy Berry

Mar 18 _____

Mar 25 MEN’s GROUP



WOW kids and the choirs are having a blast on Wednesday afternoons! And, after school treats are welcomed. There are 30 kids. More information is on the BOARD.

125th Anniversary Celebration!

November 1, 2015

New Directory! And, it will never become obsolete, as it will be held in an electronic file and can be printed at any time. A HUGE thank you goes out to Natasha Johnson! She has offered to take all the photos. CofC will have the digitals to share with you. No need to purchase expensive portraits. Sandy Whited has also volunteered to help with the project. A brief planning meeting is needed...and you are too. Call Laurie and let her know you willing to help, and she'll keep you posted.

Planning: Natasha Johnson, Sandy Whited, Amanda Malvin, Laurie Schultze, Annmarie Suess

History Book / Display! Pastor Matt is really excited about this one...so excited he's going to head up the committee. Let's not leave Pastor as a committee of just one. Give him a call at 320-579-0839.

Planning: Matt Hausken, Gordy Blem, Cheryl Mallak, _____

Special Worship Service! What might we include in worship to make this thanksgiving celebration special? Pastor would LOVE your ideas.

Planning: _____, _____, _____, _____

Catered Meal!!! Wow, how easy is the planning for this going to be? Get together with a couple friends/family and jump into this project. Give Pastor or Laurie a call.

Planning: _____, _____, _____, _____

Membership Update

TODAY SEE LAURIE TODAY

Emergency/Pastoral Care - Please have a family member or friend notify the church. You may also request hospital staff to call on your behalf. Call day or night at 523-1574. Never feel as though you are bothering Pastor or the staff. We are here to serve as a comfort and as a resource.

No one was able to answer your call? 320-523-1574

- Wait for the extension of the staff member you want to contact.
- Call the cell number given. They will pick up the call if able.
- Leave a message on their cell phones. Staff can check cell messages while out of the office and are more likely to return your call faster.
- If you prefer, leave a message on the church answering system.



Weather and Worship. Cross of Calvary does not cancel worship in case of inclement weather since Pastor lives next door. However, PLEASE make wise choices about being on the road when the weather is bad. May the Lord watch over your travels.

CHECK THE COMMUNITY BOARD - East Entrance
(take-home fliers often available)



The Tim Orth Memorial Foundation's 20th annual fundraising event will be held on Saturday, March 21st at the BOLD School in Bird Island. Doors open at 4:00 p.m., Opening Ceremony at 5:45 p.m. Along with the boys and girls basketball games, this year entertainment will include Crunch, Big Bear, Little Bear, Dunk teams and the F-M Acro Team. A silent auction and raffle are also held. Proceeds from the event will benefit children from the area battling a serious or life threatening illness. More details can be found at www.timorthfoundation.org or on the TOMF Facebook page.

You're invited to join Olivia Kiwanis for dinner on Tuesday, March 24 at the Christian Community Outreach Center between 4:30 and 7:30 pm. Free Will Offering. Silent Auction and Karaoke will be present as well. All proceeds go to Renville County Back the Pack, Christian Community Outreach Center, Circle and Olivia Kiwanis. Come have some supper, socialize and support kids in our community!

God's Story Your Story

March 8, 2015

Devotion: Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions. You can do this alone, as a couple, as a family; in the morning,

during the day, or at night. Find a routine that works best for you.

Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer. **Inviting God, you welcome all people into your kingdom. Teach us to honor you with respect and love, for the glory of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Reflect: Reflect on the key verses from Sunday's reading.
[Jesus said,] "[Then the king said,] 'Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests." Matthew 22:9-10

Study: Study the reading and consider the background. The king in the parable of the wedding banquet was a generous king, but also one who refused to be taken advantage of. Initially he invited family and friends to the banquet, but they would not come. This may have been a parallel to the Jewish leaders who refused to walk in God's ways, even as they were claiming to do just that. The king then invited everyone to come, perhaps an open invitation from God to come into God's kingdom. A twist near the end shows one man, improperly dressed for the banquet, thrown out of the party. This may have been to indicate that God's people were expected to behave in a manner fitting of guests of the king; to treat one another with kindness and respect.

Read: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text. After the reading, ask the follow-up questions.
Follow the teachings and actions of Jesus. See how his actions angered and frightened those in power.
Sunday, Matthew 22:1-14, *Wedding Banquet*
Monday, Psalm 45:6-7, *Psalm*
Tuesday, Matthew 20:17-34, *Works of Jesus*

Wednesday, Matthew 21:12-22, *Jesus Cleanses the Temple*

Thursday, Matthew 21:23-27, *The Authority of Jesus Questioned*

Friday, Matthew 21:28-32, *Parables of Jesus*

Saturday, Matthew 21:33-46, *Parables of Jesus*

How did Jesus' actions and teachings point toward the cross and resurrection?

Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household. Discuss the following questions, or simply check in with “Highs” and “Lows.”


- **What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**
- **Who are the insiders and who are the outsiders in your community? What happens when the lines get blurred? Who benefits when insiders and outsiders begin to work together? Who is hurt?**
- **How is Jesus' parable of the wedding banquet good news for you? How is it bad news? Which do you prefer to see: the good or the bad?**

Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Invite someone to coffee that you normally would not invite (a co-worker, a neighbor, a parishioner). Come with no expectations. Enjoy the company of someone new.

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

God who keeps inviting, help us hear your invitation to live as the word suggests. Amen.

Take Note:  *Something from the service that speaks to you?
A reminder from the announcements?*